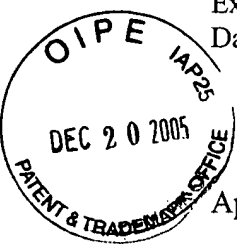


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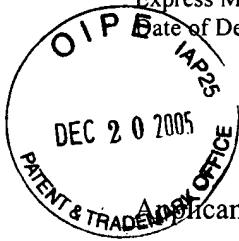
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Further to the outstanding Office Action dated September 20, 2005 (Paper No. 09082005) for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following Response. **Applicants respectfully note that should the Examiner, after review of the present Response, believe that additional issues remain for the allowance of the subject application, Applicants kindly invite the Examiner to call Applicants' below signed representative, so that such issues may be resolved via either an Examiner's amendment or a Supplemental Amendment submitted by Applicants, prior to the issuance of a subsequent Action.**

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